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HAM-MISHKAN—THE WONDERFUL TENT.*

This book, as well as those elsewhere noticed in this number, is intended not for scholars and critics, but for the people. The writer endeavors to depict the structure of the tabernacle, its purpose and its teachings. The presentation aims to be succinct, definite and clear; and the author has endeavored to do this without "indulging too much in fanciful and extravagant interpretations."

A perusal of the book produces the impression that, in both of these particulars, the writer has failed. The presentation is anything but succinct and definite. The method employed, that of a conversation between several travelers, rendered a succinct presentation impossible. One reads through entire pages before obtaining what might often have been more satisfactorily expressed in as many lines. It is difficult to know what standard of interpretation the author held before himself. Anything more fanciful or extravagant than much which this book contains would be difficult to find.

THE BIBLE-WORK: OLD TESTAMENT.†

The general purpose of this work is seen from its title. It is something like Spurgeon's work on the Psalms, "The Treasury of David." It shows wonderful care and industry. The good judgment displayed in making the selections is everywhere manifest. The arrangement of the material, however, does not seem to accord with the principles which the writer lays down in his preface. Does it not seem premature, to say the least, that an exhaustive treatment of the doctrine of the trinity should be introduced in connection with Gen. i. 26 and ii. 7. We cannot believe that the plural in "let us make man," etc., has any allusion to this doctrine. But so long as Bible-students desire to know what great and good men through all ages have thought and written concerning the Bible, and have not time or opportunity to consult the works of these men, there will be a field for this book. The author is certainly to be congratulated upon the courage which enables him to undertake a work of such vast proportions.

* HAM-MISHKAN, THE WONDERFUL TENT. An account of the structure, signification and spiritual lessons of the Mosaic Tabernacle. By Rev. D. A. Randall, D. D. With a portrait and sketch of the author. Cincinnati: *Robert Clarke & Co.* 1886. 12mo, pp. 420. Price, \$1.75.

† THE BIBLE-WORK: THE OLD TESTAMENT. Vol. I. Genesis—Exodus XII. From Creation to the Exodus. The revised text, arranged in sections; with comments selected from the choicest, most illuminating and helpful thought of Christian centuries, taken from four hundred scholarly writers. Prepared by J. Glentworth Butler, D. D. New York: *Funk & Wagnalls.* 1887. Large 8vo.